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Minutes of Meeting 28 October, 2004

The meeting was called to order by president Terry Morofsky promptly at 8:00 p.m. All officers were present except for Todd Glyer, John Hansen, Diane Dean and the Renshaws. Mike Drew was also absent, and therefore Terry asked for a volunteer to take notes at the meeting. After much collective staring at the ceiling tiles, menus and plates, Terry finally decided to take notes as well as run the meeting, a considerable challenge. Terry said, "To get it out of the way right now, there will be missing information, wrong names and every other mistake that comes to mind in these minutes. But I would like to thank Steve Liebenow for helping me continue the pace of the meeting while I was trying to write a few notes."

It's unknown how many members were present, although there were seven De Tomaso cars in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: There were no new members or guests.

<u>Changes To Last Month's Minutes</u>: There were no changes noted.

<u>Club Treasury Report</u>: Jim reported that our treasury is in very good shape. We will soon have to make a deposit for the Las Vegas track event next year.

<u>Club Membership Report</u>: Russ stated that he feared that POCA membership data (and thus PCNC membership data) might be in jeopardy at the moment, due to Windoze PC vs. Mac incompatibilities, and because Jim Kucera had suddenly sold his Pantera and quit the club, and thus Judy McCartney would be forced to manage the entire POCA membership database herself. Fortunately, since that time, expatriate PCNC member Rod Kunishige has agreed to take over Jim's position and will work together with Judy and Russ to manage our database.

<u>Club Website Report</u>: Mark has started introducing information about the 2005 Las Vegas Speed Trials to the PCNC website. As the event draws nearer, he will continue to add more and more information in an effort to build enthusiasm and provide a simple 'portal' for potential drivers to get them involved in the event.

Past Events:

Ferrari Club Comedy Day: PCNC was invited by the Ferrari Club to join them in Golden Gate Park on Columbus Day for the annual comedy day/car show. Mark McWhinney reported on the event; he was joined there by Bob Benson, and Bill and Bret Santos. By entering their cars in the show, they were given front-row seats to the show and backstage access, which allowed them to mingle with comedians and others connected with the show.

The show was attended by some 40,000 people, and with 30-40 Italian cars and an open bar with food for the owners, a good time was had by all.

All-Italian Car Show In Alameda: Apparently Mark got around because he was reportedly in attendance at the show in Alameda, taking place at the same time(?). Unless that was Mark Tumbarello who went to Alameda. In any case, Mark Somebody was joined by Jim and Emilia Seiferling of Capitol Panteras, and PCNC's Doug Abadie. Scott Martin's Longchamp joined about 100 other cars at the show.

Upcoming Events:

<u>PCNC Meeting — 18 November (ONE WEEK EARLY!)</u>: The monthly PCNC meeting will be held one week early due to the conflict with Thanksgiving. Same time, same location.

<u>Panteras At Thunderhill</u> — <u>21 November</u>: Mark McWhinney is planning on running his Pantera at an SCCA open track event/driver's school at Thunderhill. The track is a great place to learn a variety of turns, as it has lots of elevation changes and off-camber corners. The corners have easy runoffs (for the two Larrys). Race gas can be purchased on the spot and the snack bar

will be open too.

The reasonable entry fee of \$195 includes a free lunch and a T-shirt. He's looking for other Panteras to join him on the track; contact Mark for more information.

<u>PCNC Christmas Party — 10 December</u>: The last newsletter contained the information flyer for this year's Christmas party, which will be held at David's Banquet & Conference Center from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. The 'uniform' is Holiday Dress, and the cost is \$40 per person. We have secured rooms at the nearby Hilton hotel for those who wish to remain overnight.

<u>Superbowl Party — ??? January</u>: Diane Dean is looking for somebody willing to host the party next year. If you're interested please contact her.

<u>Las Vegas Track Event</u> — <u>28-29 April</u>: Bill reported that things are moving forward for the two-day event at Pahrump. Larry Finch has taken over the Public Relations duties as Bill eases towards 'retirement', although Bill is still managing the contracts etc. for next year's event. He has already received \$1000 in sponsorship from a fellow named Kevin Hubby.

Reno-Tahoe Fun Rally — 10-13 June: Larry Stock is working on a Miss Dixie riverboat cruise on the lake, and lunch at a private area near Incline Village. He's also hoping to secure the Reno/Fernley racetrack for a few hours of track time, as well as a breakfast at Larry's shop. Due to the high costs associated with renting the track, more participation than this year would definitely help! Harrah's in Reno will offer rooms at discounted rates, and the end-of-event car show will again be held there.

Club Business:

<u>PCNC Club Store Donation</u>: Each year for the past 10-15 years, PCNC has donated 10% of the profits from club store sales to worthy charities. Russ Britschgi made a motion to repeat this tradition, Chuck Melton seconded it and it passed. Gary Kono will check with John Hansen to figure out what our actual profits were this year.

At the upcoming meeting, we will discuss the amounts and choose from a list of charities. If you have a charity you'd like to have considered please contact Russ.

<u>Honorary Membership</u>: Jim Kuehne made a motion to renew the honorary PCNC memberships of Larry and Shari Stock, and Bret Santos. Doris Britschgi seconded it and it was heartily passed.

News, Clues and Rumors:

<u>De Tomaso Demise</u>: Somebody asked about the status of the De Tomaso factory, and Larry reported that the factory is all gone, and Roland Jaëckel of Germany has most of the inventory, and the museum has sold off all the cars. However, at that very moment Mike Drew was *at* the De Tomaso factory in Italy. He saw that although it's extremely quiet, and there are some cars missing from the museum, some still remain. It's possible that the business will continue on a smaller scale in the future. Only time will tell.

<u>Driving For Dinner Raffle</u>: Among the seven people who drove De Tomaso cars to the meet-

ing the winner was Bob Benson.

<u>Raffle Results</u>: Brett and Larry once again conducted the raffle, with the following results:

Fire Extinguisher — Howard Renshaw III Rubber ignition key — Darryl Johnson 40th Anniversary Something — Brian Bernard Dzus Opener — Curt Hall Poster — Bob Benson, Terry Morofsky Hot Wheels — Bob Lucas

The meeting then adjourned (at an unknown time) to the parking lot....

Volunteer Needed

Your Newsletter Editor needs help.

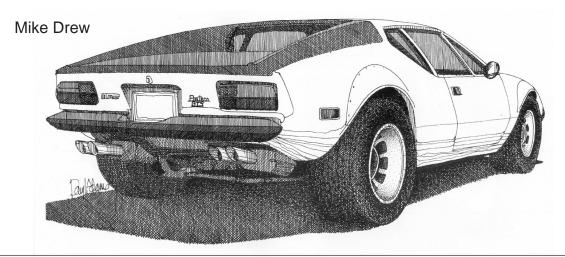
Yes, I know, you've all believed that for many years, but I need actual assistance putting the newsletter together.

As you know, I have been gallivanting around the globe on vacation for the better part of six months, but now I finally have to go to work, which means more gallivanting around the globe (except now I'll be going to Baghdad instead of Le Mans!)

My attendance at the monthly meetings has been spotty at best, and is forecast to remain so for the foreseeable future. Thus a volunteer is needed, one who routinely attends the club meetings, to simply take rudimentary notes and pass them on so I can continue to generate the club's newsletter, wherever I may be.

The job is actually quite simple and not terribly time-consuming. Attend the meeting with a pen and paper (or better yet, a laptop computer), take shorthand notes to jog your memory, then turn those into slightly better notes that are then e-mailed to me, and I'll generate the necessary prose.

Please consider helping your club maintain its newsletter! If you're interested in helping out, please contact me via e-mail.





NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, November 18, 2004 8:00 P.M.

ONE WEEK EARLY!

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

November 18 — PCNC Monthly Meeting (ONE WEEK EARLY!)

November 21 — Pantera Track Day (Mark McWhinney)

December 10 — PCNC Christmas Party (Diane Dean)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH

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